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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Notice to File Missing Parts Filing of Declaration/Declaration Information Disclosure Statement IDS Related/List of Related Cases PTO-1449 (2)/Cited References (3) Cited Pending Applications (1) Statement of Relevancy

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Responsive to the notification dated June 28, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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